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DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Wednesday Evening, March 3.

On Tuesday last Gen. Logan, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, reported back a House bill of some importance to men in army life. Four or five years ago the army regulations were referred to Congress for some action upon them, but Congress failed to do anything in the premises. This bill, which is now a law, authorizes the President to promulgate the regulations as they are based upon existing laws. The bill passed without amendment, after the General's brief explanation.

A large decrease in the public debt, as shown by the debt statement for the past month, is probably attributable to heavy receipts from internal revenue collection, caused by the agitation of the new tax and revenue bill. When the bill was under discussion in the House, and it was thought the stock of whisky on hand and in bond would be taxed, heavy dealers in whisky took out of bonded warehouses nearly one fourth of the stock in bond to avert payment of the anticipated tax.

The projected reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands, which is to be considered by the Senate in extra session, provides that the United States shall admit, free of duty, arrow root, castor oil, fruits, nuts, vegetables, hides, rice, pulu, sandal and other ornamental woods, seeds, plants, sugar, syrup, and tallow, products of the Sandwich Islands; and the Sandwich Islands shall admit, agricultural implements, animals, meat, grain, flour, meal, bread, bricks, lime and cement, butter, cheese, lard, tallow, bullion, cordage, naval stores, nails and bolts, cotton and manufactures of cotton, eggs, fish, oysters, fruits, nuts, vegetables, ice, lumber, machinery, oats, hay, stationery, petroleum, plants, seeds, rice, sugar, salt, soaps, wool, cloth, wagons, &c.

The Democratic party is utterly helpless without the aid of what is known as "the conservative element in the South." This latter class is composed of the men who inaugurated the rebellion and sought to overthrow the government. Failing in that, they again strike hands with northern Democrats in the hope of accomplishing with the ballot what they failed to do with the bayonet. They are more outspoken and less discreet than their Northern allies. If they would consent to stand upon such a platform as would suit the better portion of the Northern Democracy, there would be some prospect of their success. But this, as is well known, they will not do, except with the same understanding as in 1856, that it shall have two interpretations—one for the North and the other for the South, the latter to bind the action of the party in case of success. The fight which these men are making in Congress, is with a view to get some advantage preparatory to the Presidential campaign. The main question is to be pushed out of sight, if possible. But the old issues still exist. The "irrepressible conflict" still rages. Honorable Republicans cannot afford to divide on questions of minor importance. The success of the Democratic party would be the revival of the old war issues, and the loss of all that was gained to the cause of humanity in this strife.

The most unsavory of political corpses resuscitated during the year of resurrection is surely Mr. John Mitchell, of Tipperary. Mr. Mitchell first rose to fame as a journalist about the year 1845. He repudiated O'Connell's doctrine of "moral force" as the remedy for Irish wrongs, and advocated armed revolution, which led to the suppression of his paper, *The United Irishman*, in 1847. He was tried for treason, and sent to Australia, where several better men, Smith O'Brien, Meagher, Martin, and others, went at the same time. In Australia, they were all released on parole. Alone among them, the man Mitchell broke his parole, fled to the United States, and next appeared as a prisoner to the American authorities on the infamous charge of slave trading. During the war he was a blatant rebel. On the beginning of the Home Rule movement, Col. White, member of parliament from Tipperary, resigned, and John Mitchell, returning to Ireland, was elected to the vacant seat. The House refused to admit him and it is believed his son will next be chosen, but that he also will be refused admission, because he held a commission in the Confederate army, in violation of the Queen's proclamation of neutrality. In this event the seat is expected to go to Kirkham, a Fenian who has been pardoned for his political offenses.

WHAT THEY WANT.

The Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent gives the following interesting particulars connected with the action of the House of Representatives on the Louisiana resolutions, last Monday:

The only Democrat who voted with the Republicans was Alexander H. Stephens. If his vote had been cast with the eighty-six on the other side, instead of with the Republicans, the Louisiana resolutions would have been defeated. He alone of all the Democrats had the manliness to stand apart from his party and to vote for considering the resolutions, which some of the leading Democrats privately concede will help to prevent anarchy in Louisiana. One other prominent Democrat came over to the Republican side and told a friend that the Republicans in their report had dealt nobly and magnanimously with Louisiana, and he only regretted that party fealty prevented him from voting for the resolutions. The prominent Louisiana conservatives who are here were upon the floor appealing to their Democratic friends not to defeat the consideration of these compromise resolutions. The result of their efforts only was that two or three Democrats declined to vote at all. The Republicans to night maintain that the Democrats as a party by this vote have shown that they do not desire that the Louisiana question shall be settled, but wish that anarchy and a government supported by bayonets shall continue there until the Presidential campaign of 1876, and that they desire partisan advantage rather than the peace and prosperity of a State.

WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE DAY BEGIN?

The *Scientific American* thus answers this question: "As we travel eastward, the day begins earlier; near the equator starlight appears an hour earlier for each thousand miles going east. When it is sunrise in New York, the people of Europe have sun light for many hours, and the Californians are still in their beds dreaming. Evidently the day has a first beginning, and at the eastward. But how far and where? What are the people who first see the light of Monday morning?"

"It is the sun which brings the day; where does he first bring Monday? If we could travel with him we might find out. Let us suppose the case. We will take an early start; at sunrise on Sunday morning, with the sun just at the point of peeping over the horizon behind us; we travel westward. As we go, the people give us a Sunday greeting; we bring Sunday with us to Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Salt Lake, San Francisco. At San Francisco our faithful chronometer informs us that we have been on the tramp about five hours. But we started on Sunday morning, and it is Sunday morning still. Will this Sunday morning never end? The quiet Pacific knows but little of Sunday, or any other day, and our question scarcely receives an echo for reply. When we get to Yokohama in Japan, or Shanghai in China, we search for some Yankee, wide awake in the early morning, and we are told for the first time that Monday has come. Everywhere now we bring Monday, and in twenty-four hours, by the chronometer, after starting, we are in New York again, and find the merchants taking down their shutters, and the Monday newspapers telling us what has happened during our absence."

WHAT A BOY DID FOR HIS DADDY.

San Francisco Call.

Among the sufferers by the Marysville flood was a clerical gentleman who has a son in this city following the profession of a Bohemian, and connected with a financial paper. When this dutiful offspring received a report of the flood, he telegraphed for information regarding the condition of his venerated father. The latter replied in a note written on the lining of his hat, having temporarily located his study on the roof of his domicile, where he was hanging on to the ragged edge of despair, lashed to the chimney. Without considering for a moment the enormous sacrifice, the young journalist immediately threw on the market five shares of Phil. Sheridan mining stock, which he had purchased at the time of greatest inflation, and the proceeds he invested with characteristic dexterity in a dice game and doubled the amount. The full sum was promptly transmitted to the afflicted sire by the next mail. Such instances of filial affection and filiality are truly affecting.

In casting about for a gubernatorial candidate, the leading Republican politicians of Ohio seem to be settling down on old Ben Wade. They think he would give old Bill Allen a little the dustiest race he ever had in his life. They are both old codgers. Allen being 72 or 73, and Wade having turned 68, but both are as lively as a pair of kittens, and sound in mind (especially Wade). Both of them lived in the West. Wade for Harrison and Allen for Van Buren. Old Ben is powerful on the "rugged issues," and there is "no nonsense" about him. It is doubtful if the Buckeye Republicans can "tumble" on a better candidate for Governor. He has a strong hold on the confidence and affection of old men who are or have been Republicans, Free-Soilers, or Unionists in Ohio. His own county of Ashland would start him with at least 4,000 majority, and "Chesedown," as the Western Reserve counties are called, is good for 25,000 majority for old Ben against the Bourbon Fug-horn. If nominated, he is pretty certain of an election. — *Chicago Tribune*.

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.
(Reported Expressly for the Daily Rep.)

The Great Scandal.

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovington on the Stand.

THE "SCHOOL GIRL" THAT READ T. T. TO SLEEP.

Heavy Reduction in Railroad Fares.

DEATH OF ADJT. GEN. THOMAS.

NEW YORK, March 2.—In the Beecher-Tilton trial to day, Edward Y. Ovington was the first witness called by the defense, and in reply to Mr. Hill, counsel for defense, said: He had known Beecher twenty-five years; was also acquainted with Tilton; witness' wife and Mrs. Tilton were very intimate friends, from '68 up to the present time; after the publication of the Bacon letter, called at Tilton's at his request; witness told Tilton that it was a serious thing to bring this charge against Beecher; he said he wanted Beecher to do him justice; Tilton was very hard on Beecher; was not going to be called a fool or knave; it was now his turn to fight, and he would not sheath his sword until Beecher was down; Tilton next called at witness' house and said in the presence of his wife, that Elizabeth had made a fine confession before the committee—she was a tramp, but that it was all fiction; Tilton said he could go before the committee and weave fiction in the same manner; witness' wife said that she had received two letters from Mrs. Tilton; Tilton desired to know their contents, and was told. Witness was asked several questions about the conversation. The questions were objected to and the object sustained. The letter was also ruled out as evidence. Tilton said Beecher never loved a woman as he loved Elizabeth. He also said Mrs. Tilton did not as a wife should do in coming forward to testify to a lie for him. Gen. Tracy never had an interview with Tilton, except in the presence of witness or Judge Morse, and then only to speak a few words just before he testified before the committee.

On cross-examination by Fullerton, he said Mrs. Tilton had lived at his house since the early part of July, 1874; she came about 7:30 in the morning; with the exceptions of two or three short visits out of the city, witness said few persons visited Mrs. Tilton at his house; Tracy first called in July; did not know of an investigating committee, but was informed of it by his wife; Tracy's calls were remarkable, being so unusual; witness knew of the committee, and had a couple of interviews previously with them; after Tracy left the house, witness believed he went to Beecher's and returned the second time, but didn't see Mrs. Tilton, could not say whether the second interview was in the parlor or upstairs, nor how long it lasted, nor whether Tracy stayed at Judge Morse's. Tracy went out at the close of the interview and returned with the committee. Witness learned of the committee shortly before they arrived. Tracy was then nearly a complete stranger to witness' family. Shoeman called to see Mrs. Tilton, as well as Tracy. Hill called also, but not frequently; Beecher called once; also Evans and Porter.

Witness gave an account of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tilton, and then said his first interview with Tilton was after the publication of the Bacon letter, which was the subject of their conversation. Tilton also said he had been badly treated by Beecher and the Plymouth Church, and was made to appear in a false light, had been shown up as a knave and an impostor, and said Beecher did not do his duty and he (Tilton) would take care of himself. He threatened to publish the letter written by Beecher. Recess.

After recess Ovington's cross examination was confined in regard to his first interview with Tilton. Witness said Tilton remarked that Beecher should do him justice. In the interview after his wife's testimony Tilton said what his wife had said was untrue. Witness understood he referred to that portion of her testimony relating to Beecher's innocence. The second interview was at Tilton's house. Witness had a question to ask about a woman protegee of Mrs. Tilton's who occupied a house of his; also went to see Mrs. Tilton late in regard to the Bacon letter; witness did not interrogate her, as Mrs. Tilton was not inclined to speak about it in her husband's presence. Tilton said it was Beecher's doing that caused this trouble; was willing to quit if Beecher and Plymouth church stopped the proceedings. Witness said Mrs. Tilton's children were sent to school at Washington with Mr. Tilton's approval. Miss Florence did not go with Mrs. Tilton to Fairfield, gave her Mrs. Tilton to Fairfield, and said when he gave wrong directions to Miss Florence of her mother in Fairfield he did so by mistake.

Rufus C. Holmes sworn; testified he was vice-president of a bank in Winchester, Conn., and when Tilton delivered a lecture there in December 1869, was president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and met him as such, escorting him to a hotel. A lady about 27 or 28 years old, accompanied him. In the evening he called on Tilton, and knocked on the door twice without an answer; the third time this lady opened the door. Tilton was lying on the backside of the bed; the clothes were turned down. He had on only a shirt, pants and stockings. The lady's hair was disheveled. Tilton said the lady had been reading him asleep. She was no school girl, but a full grown woman.

Cross-examined. On knocking he heard a noise or movement in the room. He told the lady who opened the door Tilton wanted him to show him the church where he had to lecture. The lady said he had lain down to rest. Tilton said wait a minute and he would go with witness. There was no effort at concealment after the door was opened. The lady seemed to have been reading Paradise Lost. Witness introduced Tilton to the audience, and to a number of persons, and to his family. This concluded witness' testimony.

Mrs. Ovington testified that she had known the parties to this action since 1865. In 1867 she became intimate with the Tiltons. Mrs. Tilton frequently visited at her house during the sickness of Mr. Ovington.

On publication of the Woodhull scandal witness offered Mrs. Tilton her sympathy; witness thought her a perfect model of christianity, and did great work among the poor; she seemed a well-beloved wife. In June, 1873, Mr. Ovington showed witness the Bacon letter, and they went to Tilton's house; Mrs. Tilton looked very pale and white, and appeared feeble. Mrs. Tilton and witness alone were in conversation.

Adjourned.

CINCINNATI, March 2.—A western bound train on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette railroad was thrown from the track last night by a broken rail, near Lawrenceburg. A tramp, who was stealing a ride on the postal car, was instantly killed.

The Gazette, of Knoxville, Tenn., says two-thirds of the mills of that county have been swept away, barns, houses, fences and large quantities of grain being destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$200,000. It is thought the loss in East Tennessee will amount to over a million dollars. Further damage is threatened.

BALTIMORE, March 3.—The proprietor of the Park Hotel closed his house to-day to the public in order to escape incurring the penalties of the Civil Rights bill.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—The officers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad announced that after March 3rd they will reduce the fare to certain points in Ohio and Indiana.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad has reduced the fare for passengers from Baltimore, as follows: To Pittsburgh, \$5; Wheeling, \$5.50; Cincinnati, \$6; Indianapolis, \$7; Louisville, \$8; Chicago, \$8, and St. Louis, \$10.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 2.—In consequence of the Civil Rights bill, and fearing trouble, both of the principal hotels here cancelled their licenses and closed.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The President, with Secretaries Bristow and Robeson and Attorney Gen'l Williams, was at the capital to-day, and had a conference with leading Republican Senators relative to the tax bill laid on the table last night. They urged the necessity of taking the bill from the table and passing it.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate appropriation committee propose amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, which, if adopted, will be a reduction of two and a quarter million dollars. Some items are struck out altogether.

Late Adj. General Lorenzo Thomas died here to-day, aged 72.

UTICA, N. Y., March 2.—The standing committee of the Diocese of Central New York refuse to consent to the consecration of DeKoven.

COLORADO EXCURSIONS.

Go West Through St. Louis.

During the summer season, the Missouri Pacific and Kansas Pacific through line, via St. Louis and Kansas City, will sell Excursion Tickets from St. Louis to Denver and Return, good ninety days from date of sale, at extremely low rates, thus affording every one an excellent opportunity to visit the famous resorts of the Rocky Mountains.

To all who are seeking new homes in or about to take a trip to Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oregon or California, we recommend a special excursion route by the line of St. Louis, over the Missouri Pacific Through Line. It is equipped with the Day Coaches, Buck's Reclining Chair Cars, Pullman's Palace Sleepers, the famous Miller Safety Platform, and the celebrated Westinghouse Air-Brake, and runs its route from St. Louis to principal points in the West without change. The Texas connection of this route is now completed, and passengers are offered a first class all-rail route from St. Louis to Texas, either via the Missouri, Kansas & Texas R. R., via Sedalia, or over the Atlantic & Pacific R. R. via Vinita.

For full information in regard to Colorado Excursions, or trips to any point in the Great West, Great North or Texas, apply to the following named Agents of the line: J. F. Thompson, 157, Exchange street, Buffalo, N. Y.; S. H. Thompson, Union Depot, Columbus, Ohio; or E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent, 25 South Fourth street, St. Louis, Mo. Questions will be cheerfully and promptly answered.

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To J. H. Huffman and Brother, or whom it may concern.

You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon, State of Illinois, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1873, for the year 1872, I purchased the following described lot, to-wit: Lot 1, in block 5, in town of Niagara, Macon county, Illinois, and the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1875.

J. P. FARIS.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A suit is now pending on the chancery side of the Circuit Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, wherein William C. Alloway is complainant and Christopher J. O'Connell and John J. O'Connell are defendants. The cause is a bill in equity for the redemption of a certain lot of land, and also for the enforcement of a certain mortgage. The cause is now on for trial on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1875.

CLERK OF THE MACON CO. CIRCUIT COURT.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned Patrick O'Connell and Augustus Hebenstreit, in the business of a retail grocery store, and also the business of a saloon, has been dissolved, and that all debts due or owing to or by said partnership, or by either of the said partners, shall be paid or received by Patrick O'Connell, who is the survivor of the said partnership.

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New Advertisements.

OPERA HOUSE!

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

THE WORLD FAMOUS ACTRESS,

MRS. P. W. LANDER

(Formerly Miss Jean M. Davenport.)

Supported by

Mr. Frank Lawlor's

Great Star Compa'y

Stage Director, : : : Mr. Geo. Beck.

FIRST TIME, in this city, of Shakespeare's Sublime Tragedy,

ANTONY & CLEOPATRA

Admission, 75 cents

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Seating can be secured at W. R. Abbott's jewelry store.

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SPECIALTIES.

HAYS & BRUCE

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SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS
—IN—
TABLE LINENS, TOWELS, NAPKINS, CRASHES
—&c., &c., &c.

We bought largely, in January, of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Checks, Cheviots, &c. The goods are in, and we will.

GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF JANUARY PRICES ON THEM
4 Cases Dark, Medium and Light Prints
just opened up.

Another lot—450 pieces Embroideries—CAME IN TO-DAY. Most of the patterns are very beautiful, and all are **VERY CHEAP.**

We have another Case of the same **BLACK ALPACAS and MOHAIRS**—the **BEST GOODS THAT WERE EVER IN THE CITY FOR THE PRICE.** Do not fail to see them.

Furs, Flannels, and all goods about to be Unseasonable, we have made prices on that cannot help but please.

"We will take pleasure in showing you.

HAYS & BRUCE.

Feb. 19, 1873-daw11.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT!

S. EINSTEIN

Has now on hand a full and complete stock of
DRY GOODS,

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

He offers special inducements in

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, BLACK ALPACAS,

Empress Cloth, Merinos and Cashmeres.

He also has on hand a full line of

FURS, BROCHIA & WOOLEN SHAWLS,

Both single and double. Out stock of

Notions, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear,

KNIT GOODS and SEARAY, is complete. We will offer great inducements on all these goods during the holidays, in order to give every body a chance to make a present.

Be sure to call at the old place.

S. EINSTEIN'S.

No. 21 NORTH WATER STREET.

Decatur, December 17, 1871-d11.

KEYSTONE CARRIAGE WORKS!

WAYNE BROTHERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,

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OLD STAND OF DANIEL GAHMAN,

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PLATFORM CARRIAGES built to order, PONY PHALANX, PRINCE ALFRED, PIANO and COAL BOX BUGGIES, SULKY and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Always up to the times, and guarantee all work to be first-class. All kinds of

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November 17, 1871. d&w-2m.

NEW RESTAURANT

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Wednesday Evening, March 3.

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TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions to the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday, at the place where the paper is delivered, unless otherwise ordered.

We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carrier at what particular place they desire their papers to be left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce JONATHAN BROWN as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

I respectfully desire to announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Town Collector at the coming April election.

H. H. BROWN.

We are authorized to announce ELMER G. LUTZ as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Good sleighing again. Fresh parsnips and carrots at Imboden & Co's.

"Halt, gentle spring, ethereal mildness, come!"

"Take your 'fair lady' to the firemen's ball to-morrow night."

"For a ride about town or transportation to the depot, order the St. Nicholas bus."

"There will be a grand jollification to-day over the successful candidates at the election yesterday."

"Choice sugar-cured shoulders and hams at Neidermyer's."

"Several of the High school boys are accomplished clog dancers, and many are of the opinion that a first-class amateur minstrel troupe could be organized at this school."

"A patent wooden scoop snow shovel is used by the clerks in the stores of the city to clean off sidewalks. This scoop is about the size of a barn door, and will contain about two bushels of snow."

"Go to Andy Kepley's for choice fine cut tobacco and superb cigars."

"We are happy to learn from the attending physician that Elder John W. Tyler is very comfortable, and is gaining as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances."

"The candidates for officers which are to be filled at the April election are now talked of. Some lively electioneering will be done for a week or two before the election."

"The members of Rescue Hose Company say they are going to have a parade to-morrow, no matter how unfavorable the weather may be."

"Choice peachblow potatoes at Lewis & Milligan's."

"The number of Prof. Merrill's pupils in learning phonography is increasing steadily. Several of the older scholars under his instruction can now very easily take a recitation report of any speech."

"The workmen employed at the Union Iron Works are rapidly pushing forward the work of making the machinery for the new bagging factory. If they continue on this work as they have during the past few weeks, they will have all the machinery ready some time before the mill is built."

"Require Ed. Hughes is a paw-broker. He has several watches, considerable jewelry, and valuable trinkets which have been left with him as security for fines. Occasionally these valuables are not redeemed, and the 'Squire has to sell them in order to get the amount of fines that are assessed in his court."

"For clean beds and good fare, by the week, day or meal, go to Bowman's dining hall over Kern's store, south side New Square."

"This snow will cause another flood in the court house unless it is removed from the roof before it melts. We should think it would pay to put a force on to remove it as soon as the storm is over, otherwise the occupants may as well engage quarters elsewhere, or prepare flatboats on which to move about the room."

"For choice cucumber pickles go to Newell & Hammer's."

"The hands employed at Strohm & Co's marble works are now busily employed at carving and finishing up two fine monuments, one for Cornelius Correll, of Pleasant Plains, and the other for Mrs. Martha Hony, of Jacksonville. The monuments are both of the same marble, and are alike. The cost of each when finished will be about \$800."

"Snow commenced falling this morning about five o'clock, and between that hour and ten o'clock this forenoon, more than twelve inches in depth had fallen. This is over two inches per hour, and is perhaps, as rapid a fall of snow as was ever experienced in this country."

"Almost every week a rumor goes about that the rolling mill is to be removed to some other locality—sometimes to one place and sometimes to another. We don't know what foundation there is for these rumors, but we are glad that the mill is now running in full blast, and it will not probably be removed until the drier cool down, and as it would probably take several hours to take the thing up bodily, and put it on the cars for removal, it will hardly be likely to steal away in the night without the knowledge of anybody. We hope the orders for iron at paying rates will come in so fast that the proprietors may find it to their interest to continue the establishment here."

REVIVAL OF AN OLD-TIME CUSTOM.

Many of our readers will remember the spelling matches that were held in the district schools of their respective localities from twenty to thirty, and even forty years ago. Sometimes these matches were between members of a single school, and sometimes between two schools, one visiting the school room of the other to decide the question as to which could "spell down" the other.

The plan adopted in the first part of the evening was to "choose sides," for which purpose two Captains were appointed, who, taking positions on opposite sides of the room, proceeded to select (each choosing alternately) from those present, the persons whom they regarded as the best spellers. Some person was then appointed to keep tally, whose business it was to score correctly all words missed, indicating the side where the miss was made; and as a general rule each speller was allowed to spell any word a second time which he had misspelled in the first trial.

Following this match was a recess of about fifteen minutes, when the forces were again marshaled, and, if the contest was to be between members of the same school, sides were again chosen, but if between different schools, each school selected its Captain, and they were arranged on opposite sides of the house, as in old-fashioned school-houses the seats were generally arranged on the two sides, facing each other. As a general thing another contest was made with the schools sitting, the tally being kept as before, and then came the grand contest at "spelling down" the two schools, or the contesting sections of the same school, as the case might be, arising to their feet, and the last one to "put out" by the pedagogy was considered the champion of the evening; and if the contest was between two schools the one to which the victor belonged was considered the winning school.

These spelling matches furnish people of forty and fifty years of age with some of the pleasantest reminiscences of their school days. A jolly good time was enjoyed socially while at the school, and then the pairing off of the young people to go home was by no means the least interesting part of the occasion, though many a young man's heart experienced a temporary pang because the girl whom he intended to "go home with" gave him the "mitten," or some other chap got ahead of him. Suffice it to say that the recollections of spelling school days are full of interest to those who participated.

Lately the good old custom has been revived, not only in schools but in neighborhoods, towns and cities, and in Cincinnati and many other places has furnished an innocent and pleasant pastime for the members of different benevolent associations at their meetings. The first to introduce it here is the Ladies' Benevolent Society connected with the Presbyterian Church. On Thursday evening of this week they are to have a grand supper and spelling match, the former to be given in the lecture room and the latter in the audience room of their church. The order of the entertainment is set forth in another place, and the occasion cannot fail to afford an abundance of innocent amusement to those who attend. The entertainment will also be highly useful to those, who, though once good spellers, have grown rusty from being out of practice. The novelty of the affair will be sure to attract a full house.

The Concert Friday Night.—Professor Lutz is making thorough preparations for the concert to be given at the opera house on Friday night. The best talent of Decatur is engaged for the occasion, and our people can rely upon an entertainment that will be first-class in every respect. We trust that a crowded house will greet the performers. These entertainments given by home talent are among the best we have.

For Rent.—Front room over Litsberger & Sutton's book store. Call at the book store for information. [3-dw]

Testimonials of Esteem.—By a private note from Rev. J. A. Hood, late of Maroa, we learn that he and his family have arrived safely at Columbus, Plate county, Nebraska. On the eve of their departure from Maroa, the Ladies' Mite Society connected with the Presbyterian Church, presented Mrs. Hood with a fine gold watch. The choir also made valuable presents to Mr. Hood and other members of his family.

H. Post is prepared to do all kinds of watch and clock repairing at much lower rates than is usually charged.

George F. Wessels is in receipt of all styles of boots and shoes direct from eastern manufacturers, which he is selling at a very low figure; also a full assortment of women's and children's shoes, with an endless variety of slippers. Everybody should examine this stock before purchasing.

Extracting Good from an Ill Wind.—The snow can be turned to good account as a dampener in the operation of sweeping floors and carpets. To sprinkle a carpet well with snow and sweep it off before it has time to melt, will clean it up and about as thoroughly as to take it up and shake it, and is an operation that requires but a few minutes labor. Our good housewives will do well to utilize the present storm in that way.

We learn that the grangers have rented a second story room in court house block, where they are to hold all their meetings hereafter.

A Small House of four rooms to rent. Apply to R. N. HAM. 3-dw

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Charles Hartley is learning the binder's trade under Wm. Towling, of this city.

Among the registered guests at the St. Nicholas Hotel are the following: Thomas Boyer, Chicago; George W. Steese, do; W. H. Weatherox, Milwaukee; R. B. Baker, Maroa; S. T. Babbitt, Grand Rapids, Mich.; R. H. Stevens, New York; G. W. Parson, Litchfield; W. C. Johns and wife, city; F. R. Lansing, Cairo; E. Ferritt, Havana, Ohio; Jas. T. Ballard, Indianapolis; Geo. Harris, Chicago; L. A. Zehring, Jacksonville; Louis Schurman, New York; Wm. Weaver, Macon; H. F. Johns, do; John J. Dresbach, Oakley; John Anderson, Centralia; J. L. Choam, Cincinnati; Willis Pope, county; C. D. Brainerd, Ottawa; M. A. Myer, city; Christian Schwartz, Warrensburg.

Attention, Firemen!—All members of Rescue Hose Co., No. 1, are expected to be present at a meeting which is to be held at the headquarters this evening, to make arrangements for the parade to-morrow. Let every member be present. By order of W. W. POSTER, Foreman.

HOOK AND LADDER CO. All members of Young America Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, are requested to meet in full uniform at the headquarters to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. By order of I. W. EHRMAN, Foreman.

The Calico Ball, which was given by the members of the Social Boys' Club at Concordia hall last evening, was a decided success. A good crowd had assembled at an early hour, and dancing commenced. Ebert's quadrille band furnishing the music. At 1 o'clock couples began to withdraw, and a short time after all the guests had gone home. This ball, like all others given by this club, was a very enjoyable one.

S. Einstein is selling all kinds of dry goods very cheap, in order to make room for his spring stock.

Weather Prophecies.—It is predicted by those who are skilled in reading the indications of the barometer, that on Friday of this week the severest gale of wind ever known will sweep over Missouri and Illinois and some other portions of the country, and that the thing will be repeated on Monday. Sandwiched between these terrible gales will be the heaviest rain ever known in this part of the country. If the windy part of this prediction should be fulfilled, we betide those who dwell in shabbily constructed dwellings, and if the windows of heaven are opened and the rain descends according to the prediction, then great will be the tribulations of the occupants of court house block. We shall await the developments of the days indicated with much interest.

Two Splendid Wagons,—one with cover, and both nearly new,—for sale this week at Donson's Auction Room. Terms easy. [3-dw]

Not Out of Season.—The deepest snow of the season is falling as we write, and it may seem an inappropriate time to call attention to the arrival in our market of spring styles of clothing, but this visit of the winter-king is in all probability his farewell call, and in a few days the sun will shine out, the genial warmth of the vernal season will be felt, and our heavy coats and wraps will have to give place to something more befitting the weather. A half column advertisement in to-day's paper announces the fact that our well-known clothing, J. R. Race & Co., are in receipt of their spring stock, and a visit to their large establishment will convince anyone that a finer assortment of clothing was never brought to Decatur. We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that this firm is deserving of a liberal patronage, by reason of the enterprise displayed in being always up with the times. If any new style comes out, either in clothing, furnishing goods or hats, you are always sure to find it at Race's, and then, too, the quality of the goods in which they deal is not surpassed anywhere. The gentlemen comprising the firm are affable, obliging men, who believe in doing business in a businesslike way, and their goods are such as ought to recommend them to the public. Read their advertisement.

Cy. Moore will open his fish market on Friday of this week, at the Red Front, on Prairie street, when he will be prepared to furnish his customers with fresh lake and river fish, of all kinds.—Remember him when you want a mess of fish.

Indigestible Bread.—The reason why those baking powders in the market adulterated with alum, chalk and other substances make bread and biscuits very indigestible is because they harden the gluten of the wheat and render it less soluble. Now this is not the case with Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, its purity and perfect combination enables it to render all articles easy of digestion, besides preserving their natural taste. Those who have not, should test them, as also his True Flavouring Extracts, so pure and delicious. [2-dw]

Mules for Sale.—Any persons wishing to buy nice three and four years old mules, will consult their interest by calling at the residence of T. W. Berry, Esq., about eight miles northeast of town. Jan. 30, 75-dw

Wanted.—A good German girl to do the work for a small family. Inquire at this office. [dw]

Pike, the Jeweler, is agent for the sale of the best brands of American watches

Official Vote of the City of Decatur—March 2, 1875.

Ward	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Ward 1	124	49	98	138	97	401
Ward 2	86	87	87	46	24	330
Ward 3	98	112	101	55	52	418
Ward 4	9	23	14	6	51	93
Ward 5	301	265	201	229	172	1268
Ward 6	313	276	201	338	177	1205
Ward 7	230	120	98	125	178	651
Ward 8	54	82	89	106	361	612
Ward 9	132	132	132	132	132	658
Ward 10	197	197	197	197	197	985
Ward 11	105	105	105	105	105	525
Ward 12	197	197	197	197	197	985
Ward 13	112	112	112	112	112	560

SPELL SUPPER!

Grand Old-Fashioned Spelling School—Supper for All. At the Presbyterian Church, Thursday evening, March 4th, 1875. Supper from 5 until 8, in basement—Spelling School from 8 until 9, in audience room. Go there for your regular suppers, everybody invited. No admission fee. Everybody must spell. C. EWING, Captains. W. C. JOHNS, S. T. KEELER, Com. L. L. FERRISS.

MARRIED.

Feb. 25th, by Rev. Mr. Simmons, Mr. ALONZO DIBROW and Miss ELLEN WENTWORTH, both of this county.

S. Einstein has just received a large lot of new calicoes. 2-dw

Whence this Great Commotion the country through, among the Alcoholic Bitter-mongers? They stand aghast at an innovation on their privilege of making drunkards of the sick. A competitor has come into the field with which they cannot contend. DR. J. WALKER'S CALIFORNIA VINEGAR BITTERS, the undelivered essence of the most efficacious vegetable tonics and alteratives in the world, is driving all the still-born nostrums of King Alcohol to the wall.—There is no disease, internal or external, in which it is not beneficially administered. 23-dw

Wanted to Rent, a small house, within ten minutes' walk of the postoffice. Address "G," this office. 2-dw

A New Agency.—Mr. Edward C. Bascy has the agency for the celebrated VICTOR SEWING MACHINE, which is acknowledged to be the best in the market, and also for the "Novelty" Door Plate, which is the cheapest and best in use. He also represents the Hamburg line of steamships, which in the matter of safety and dispatch are known to be equal to any that cross the ocean. Mr. Bascy has his office at Elmer's Clothing Store, on East Main street, where samples of machines and door plates may be seen. Prompt attention will be given to all orders in either line of business indicated above. Jan. 14-dw3m

For Sale.—Two horses, wagon and harness; also, one entirely new Farmers' Standard Chicago Platform Scales.—Apply to CHAMBERS & QUINLAN, At Decatur Agricultural Works. 27-dw w4

The Question Answered.—"How Linn & Scruggs employ so many salesmen and stock of dry goods in Decatur—they retail more goods than any other Dry Goods House in the United States, according to population, and their expenses are less in proportion to sales. Besides they are thus enabled to buy most of their goods of first hands and by the case and package, which gives them great advantage over small dealers. Jan 2-dw

For Sale.—A good house with eight rooms, No. 62 North Church street. Enquire on the premises. 23-dw

Powers, Ferriss & Co. have received a splendid lot of Burt's Men's Shoes and Over-gaiters. They are also making men's fine hand-sewed shoes to measure. 10-dw

Excursion Tickets from Quincy to Denver, Colorado.

For the benefit of health and pleasure seekers, and all those wishing to "Go West," the "Old Reliable" Hannibal and St. Joseph "Short Line" have placed on sale round trip tickets from Quincy to Denver and return, good for three months from date of issue, at greatly reduced prices.

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